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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DP Division  
VIA : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division *WPB*  
SUBJECT : Exploitation of Project CORONA  
REFERENCE : Memorandum for DD/P, from DD/I, same subject,  
Dated 12 May 1959 (COR-0448)

Herewith is a memorandum which was handed to me by Mr. Amory. It seems to me on the whole to propose a sensible approach to the exploitation of CORONA material and my reaction to it in general is favorable. I would like to have it reviewed by you in consultation with [ ] and I would like to receive your comments.

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12 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Exploitation of Project CORONA

1. The following proposal for the exploitation of information derived from Project CORONA is based on the following assumptions:

a. Security will place strict limitations on the numbers of people that can work on and have access to information produced by Project CORONA.

b. At some point about one year or 18 months after the initiation of Project CORONA, developments in the SENTRY Program will probably make it possible to reduce the classification of CORONA derived material making it available to the Intelligence Community on a fairly liberal basis.

c. As a result of the strict security, and the fact that the need for security will probably be reduced within a fairly definite period of time, there will be no large scale program to sanitize CORONA material.

2. On the basis of the assumptions stated above, we propose the CORONA material be exploited as follows:

a. The basic report of information derived from CORONA will be an ODE-type report prepared jointly by the Intelligence Community working at CIA/PIC. This report will be prepared in somewhat greater detail than the standard ODE report to include most of the information now contained in the Mission Coverage Summary.

b. Those agencies desiring to do detailed analysis of CORONA material outside of the Center will be given Duplicate Positives as requested to fulfill their respective departmental exploitation requirements.

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c. The CORONA cleared persons in the various agencies will fall into two categories: (1) those actually working with CORONA material, and (2) those needing to use CORONA derived information in carrying out their normal responsibilities. It is contemplated that those working with CORONA material in the preparation of the first phase reports will do this to the greatest extent possible in the CIA Photographic Intelligence Center. Correspondence relating to this material will be kept to a minimum, and the main channel for the transmission of CORONA material and information to the users of CORONA information will be in the form of briefings. Briefings will be held in CIA/PIC on a regularly scheduled basis to inform intelligence users of the latest information. For certain high-level users, special briefings may be arranged outside of the building, but all CORONA material will be hand-carried and will be returned to the Steuart Building immediately after the briefings.

3. In addition to the preparation of the ODE-type report, a portion of the Inter-Agency effort at PIC will be devoted to the analysis-in-depth of the most important intelligence problems. A portion of CORONA cleared persons in the DD/I area will be made available to assist PIC in this purpose because of their substantive background. It is requested that a total of  CORONA clearances be authorized for the DD/I area outside of the Photographic Intelligence Center. These are to be distributed as follows:

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OFFICE	Total CORONA Clearances	No. Working at PIC
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ONE		
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5. Material of great national importance which requires dissemination outside of the CORONA Community will be subjected to sanitization measures to be approved by a sanitization board similar to the UAB.

6. Under no circumstances will CORONA material be handled like CHALICE derived material. A new control system should be established for handling substantive intelligence derived from CORONA materials.



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